

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** serious illness, accident or injury can happen to anyone at any time regardless of age or health status; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in everyone's best interest to have their goals and values known at times of incapacity and end-of-life; and

**WHEREAS,** under the Laws of 2005, Act No. 55 (the "Act"), the state expressly recognized the fundamental right of an adult to determine the extent of health care the individual will receive, including treatment provided during periods of incapacity and at the end-of-life and enabled adults to retain control over their own health care through the use of advance directives; and

**WHEREAS,** as directed by the Act, the Vermont Department of Health developed and now maintains an electronic Advance Directive Registry where individuals may register Advance Directives online to ensure critical health care decisions will be honored by hospitals and other health care providers who need quick access to them in an emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** by completing an Advance Directive, Vermonters are able to communicate their health care goals, preferences and priorities in advance of a health crisis.

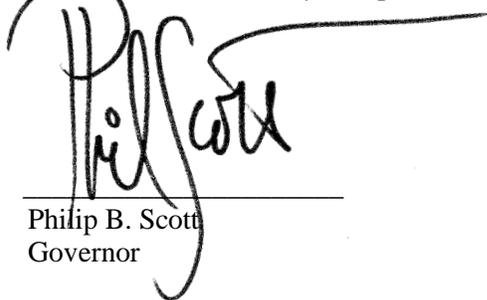
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 9-15 2023 as

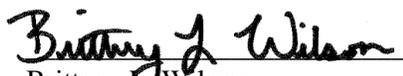
**ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2023.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs